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W4DOC Welcomes you to the 2003 Atlanta Hamfest

Welcome to the 2003 Atlanta Hamfest - hosting the ARRL Georgia State Convention and hams from across the country.

The Atlanta Radio Club is proud to present this annual event, now in its 75th year. The Atlanta Radio Club and members from local clubs have worked for nearly a year to prepare for this milestone on June 7th. We thank everyone who has participated to make this another successful event.

Attendance at this show continues to increase since its locating at its current facility in June of 2000. Vendors are always excited to come to Atlanta. The Ham community is very supportive of those vendors that support the local hamfests. Don't forget to stop by and thank your favorite vendor for being here this year.

Once again we will have one of the largest gathering of tailgaters in the southeast. We continue to offer tailgaters an inexpensive and hassle free way to sell their stuff. One price and spread out as far as you can handle. Good Luck everyone!

As always we have a colorful cast of characters on hand to meet and greet from ARRL. This year we look forward to seeing Brennan Price, N4QX, Technical Director for QST, and Frank Butler, W4RH, our beloved SE Division Director.



Forums are certainly going to be a hit again this year. Included are AMSAT, QRP, ARES, ARRL, and Antenna Construction for Contesting. Forums will run from 9AM to 2PM. The schedule has not been set yet, so check www.atlantahamfest.com for updates.

If you would like to volunteer and have not signed up yet, please contact John Talipsky, KA4VQH, 678-618-2190 or johnka4vqh@aol.com. I'm sure we can find a spot for you. Jim Miller Park has a covered arena should wet weather visit us June 7th. So y'all come rain or shine for a great hamfest!

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Atlanta Hamfest inspires Russian hams

Visiting fellow hams from Russia were more than intrigued by the collection of hams in Atlanta for the June ARRL GA Section Convention. They have since returned home and are planning their own "Han Fiesta."

Hams visiting the USA planned their trip to coincide with the 2002 Atlanta Hamfest. These were hams who had been hosts to a Friendship Force group of folks from the Atlanta area. Friendship Force is an exchange of people between other countries and the USA. In 2001 a group of Hams took a Friendship Force trip to Russia. The following letter to local Ham seems to be just the beginning for some Hams back home.

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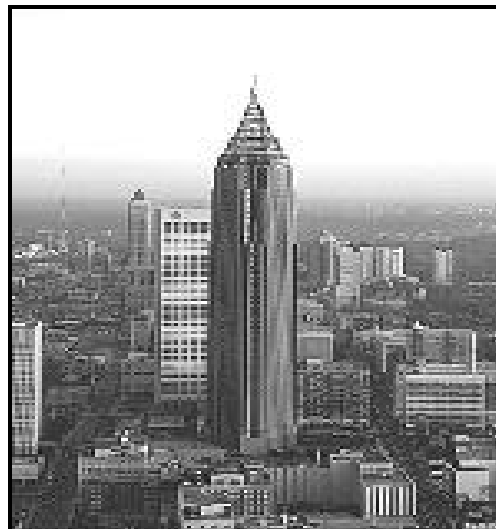
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THE ATLANTA RADIO CLUB, W4DOC

Originally known as the "Atlanta Wireless Club," the Atlanta Radio Club is one of the oldest and largest amateur radio clubs in the United States. With nearly 200 members, the Club sponsors numerous activities and services for its membership and for the Atlanta area amateur radio community.

The Club is best known for its sponsorship of the annual Atlanta HamFestival, a Saturday event which hosts many vendors, exhibitors, and flea marketers of amateur radio equipment and other electronic equipment.



Bank of America Tower
Site of Atlanta Repeaters:
146.82(-), 224.34(-) and 444.825(+)

W4DOC REPEATERS

The Atlanta Radio Club operates five repeaters at two locations. Currently our most active project is at the Bank of America Tower where we operate three repeaters at 146.82(-), 224.34 (-), and 444.825(+). On the web, go to <http://www.saf.com/arc/repeater.pdf> for a Acrobat 4.0 diagram of our system.

Our second location is the WFOX broadcast tower at Chestnut Mountain, south of Gainesville, GA. We operate two repeaters on 145.35(-) & 444.45 (+) . These repeaters are being renovated under the expert guidance of Dennis, KF4MHW. For pictures of that site, see <http://www.saf.com/arc/wfox.html>

The current schedule for net operations include the Sunday Night Net on 146.820 (Linked to 145.35 on FOX) at 8PM EST and the Southeastern VHF Net on Wednesday evenings at 9PM. The 146.820 machine can also be dialed into IRLP and SKYWARN/Peachtree City during inclement weather.

ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS



MEETING NOTICE

WHEN:

Thursday June 26, 2003 7:30PM

WHERE:

Red Cross 1955 Monroe Drive –
Atlanta

PROGRAM: Hamfest Wrap-up

TALK IN:

146.820 (-) PL 146.2

DINNER:

6:15PM The Picadilly Cafeteria
1544 Piedmont Rd – Ansley Mall



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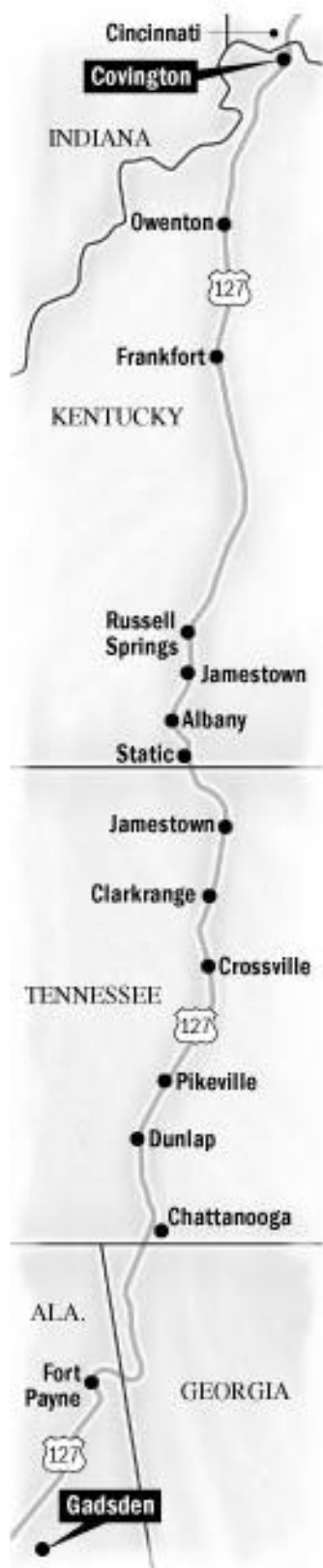
President's Message, Dennis KF4MHW

Welcome to the 2003 Atlanta Hamfest!

On behalf of the Atlanta Radio Club I would like to thank everyone for attending the Atlanta Hamfest. Don't forget to stop by one of the many vendors attending this years hamfest and thank them for supporting this event and all hamfests in general. As usual we are expecting another big turnout in the tailgating area outside. Since our first year at Jim Miller Park the tailgating has grown every year to become one of the larger ones in the southeast - returning to the former glory of years past. I would also like to welcome again this year Brennan Price, N4QX, from ARRL HQ, Southeastern Division Director Frank Butler W4RH, Vice Director, Sandy Donahue, W4RU, and GA Section Manager, Susan K Swiderski, AF4FO.

Hope to see y'all on Saturday June 7, 2003

World's Longest Yard Sale to include Special Event Station



The DeKalb County Alabama Amateur Radio Club will operate an Amateur Radio Special Event Station in conjunction with the World's Longest Yard Sale!

The World's Longest Yard Sale annual event extends from Gadsden, Alabama to Covington, Kentucky via the U.S. 127 Corridor, with more than 450 miles of scenic beauty, tons of yard sale items and many friendly people.

The World's Longest Yard Sale Amateur Radio Special Event Station will operate as W4GBR along the yard sale route on the Lookout Mountain Parkway located near Fort Payne, Alabama. W4GBR can be found on the frequencies of 28.470, 21.270, 14.270, 7.270 and 147.270 MHz. The yard sale and special event operations will be August 2-10, 2003.

Out of town yard sales and amateur radio operators are invited to visit our station. Special event station information or local directions can be obtained on our local repeater, 147.270 MHz 100.0Hz PL.

To receive your W4GBR Special Event Certificate, mail the order form found on the website or mail your contact information and \$4.00 U.S. to:

W4GBR Special Event
2113 Dogwood Blvd. NE
Fort Payne, AL 35967

For additional information please contact the above address or see the following:
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<http://www.tourdekalb.com/yardsale.htm>

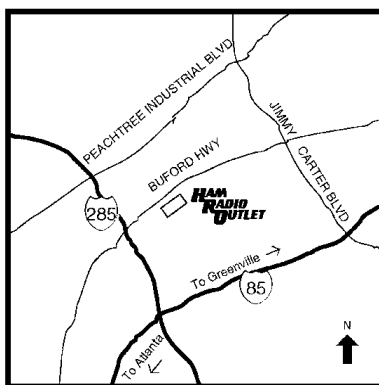


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METRO TESTING SESSIONS

Call ahead to verify session and be prepared with the appropriate forms and required papers. A small fee may be charged. Check with the VEC

First Sunday WCARS VEC
2:00 PM (Except July and September)
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs Road, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Thursday – EVEN # MONTHS 7:00 PM
Fayette County Repeater Assn, ARRL VEC
Peachtree City Library, downstairs
Ed Ferguson, N4YTR (edferg@peoplepc.com)

Second Tuesday 7:00 PM
Walton EMC Building
3645 Lenora Church Road, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA (770)498-7759

Second SaturdayCA VEC 8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain Street, Stone Mountain
Hal Martin, K14RD (770)978-9160

Second Saturday – ODD # MONTHS 10:00 AM
Fayette County Repeater Assn, ARRL VEC
Peachtree City Library, downstairs
Jan Dubroca (770 502-0760) jan.dubroca@delta-air.com

Third SaturdayCA VEC 9:00 AM
Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305
56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ (770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday ARRL VEC 7:00 PM
United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK (770)942-6466

Fourth FridayW5YI VEC 7:00 PM
St. John Neumann Church
801 Tom Smith Road, Lilburn
Headphones provided
Howie Gould, W9HG (770)921-8362

Fouth Sunday ARRL VEC 2:30 p.m
Georgia Tech - Student Center
350 Ferst Drive, NW
Atlanta, GA 30332-0458
David Ziskind KE4QLH - 404-966-6864, ke4qlh@arrl.net

**THIS SPACE WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE
TO ADVERTISE!**

Contact the editor: John K14Y

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2003

Always the 4th Saturday!
STARS – June, 12pm – 3pm SCITREK
Contact Penn. K4PE

UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

Knoxville ARC HAMFEST
ARRL Tennessee State Conv.
Www.w4bbb.org
14 Jun 2003

DeKalb County ARC
http://www.
dekalbamateurradio.com
Fort Payne, AL
14 Jun 2003

Southeastern Division Convention
Lanierland ARC
http://www.lanierlandarc.org/
hamfest.htm
12 Jul 2003

Valdosta ARC Hamfest
www.varc.net
8-10 Aug 2003

Huntsville ARC Hamfest
www.hamfest.org
16-17 Aug 2003

Jacksonville ARC Hamfest
www.jaxhamfest.com
18 Oct 2003

Chattanooga ARC Hamfest
www.hamfestchattanooga.com
25 Oct 2003

Alford Memorial Hamfest
www.totr_radio.org
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NEWS AND NOTES...

Stay tuned for Field Day 2003 Information. Plans are being made
Check www.w4doc.org for updated info after the hamfest.

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What: 2003 Atlanta Hamfest

When: June 7, 2003 830AM – 330PM

Fees: Admission \$5 (18 & Under Free!)
Indoors Tables \$15
Tailgating \$10 (unlimited space)
Everyone bring an extension cord

Prizes: Yaesu 817 (Need not be present to win)
Hourly door prizes include:
ARRL donated items and radios yet to be determined.

Forums:

Times have not been set yet. Check www.atlantahamfest.com for updated schedule.

Ed Sleight, K4SB, HF Antennas for Contesting

Steve Reynolds, W4CNG, ARES

Steve Diggs, W4EPI, AMSAT

Brennan Price, N4QX, ARRL Technical Editor, Regulatory

North GA QRP, QRP

Testing: We were unable to conduct testing this onsite as we had hoped. Testing will administered offsite by CAVEC-Marietta. **ALL ELEMENTS OFFERED**

Location: Marietta First United Methodist Church
56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA
Contacts: David Still WB4RRD - 770-973-2566,
wb4rrd@gajobs.com
Directions: Take Southern Poly Technical University exit from I-75 north (3rd exit north of I-285). Go west on the South Loop (120 Loop - South Marietta Blvd) 3 miles to Powder Springs Road. Turn right and go 0.3 miles to 2nd light. Turn left onto GA 120 (Whitlock Ave.) Marietta First United Methodist Church is on that corner, immediately to your right after you make the turn onto Whitlock. Turn right (second drive way) into the parking lot behind the church. Enter church in the north-left-end of the "L" under the Methodist logo. Building "A" - Take elevator to the 3rd floor and turn right to room 305. Note: Sometimes the church does not unlock its doors to Building 'A' until 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings. We test EVERY month, so do not leave thinking there is not testing session. VEC: Central America VEC (CAVEC)

Hamfest Vendors - Confirmed 5/25/03

Alabama Radio - www.alaradio.com
Bond & Garcia
Cedar City Sales
C&J Radio
C.T. Morgan & Assoc.
EH Antenna Co. - www.eh-antenna.com
Ham Maps
Ham Radio Outlet - Atlanta - www.hamradio.com
Klassic Embroidery
Lakeview Company - www.hamstick.com/index.htm
McM Computers
North GA QRP Club - www.nogaqrp.org
Palmetto Antenna - ad5aq@arrl.net
Powerwerx.com
QuikCards - www.quikcards.biz
RogerComm - www.rogercomm.com
Rosewood Co.
SignMan of Baton Rouge - www.thesignman.com
S&R Trading Co.
Tower Electronics - www.pl-259.com
Treasure Chest Software
The Wireman - www.thewireman.com

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ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

July 12 and 13th 2003
Georgia Mountain Center
Gainesville, GA
[Www.lanierlandarc.or/hamfest.html](http://www.lanierlandarc.or/hamfest.html)

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Russian Hams visit Atlanta Hamfest...

This is a note I got from UA3AIT, Dima.. It look's like they enjoyed the

June 1st Atlanta hamfest in 2002. They don't have anything like that in Russia. They are going to start hamfests soon.. Guy - W4GBU

Hello Guy and Barbara!

Once more we want to say thank you for your hospitable reception in Atlanta. We will remember this trip for a long time, so will Arkadiy and Lena. You Guy and Barbara high-level organized everything. We often meet here in Moscow and remember our trip to the USA, Atlanta. Now we understand how much inconvenience and problems we made, but anyway it was very interesting and a lot of fun. Forgive us for the moments when we were wrong. We told about our trip in details at Moscow branch of "Friendship Force". Natalie Guskova is informed in details about our trip and everybody estimates it very high. Natalie Guskova and Irina send their regards and thanks to you and Barbara for warm welcome to Moscow delegation. They also ask to send our thanks to central branch of "Friendship Force" in Atlanta and especially to its president and his wife. We also told about the trip of radio fans at "Han Fiesta" in Atlanta, USA in Moscow central radio club. It was interesting to exchange views. After that our president of radio club made a suggestion to ask mayor of Moscow – Luzhkov to organize annual fiesta in Moscow for radio fans under the aegis of Mos-



cow government. Guy, send our regards and thanks to all radio fans of Atlanta who received our members of "Friendship Force" and those who helped us in our common cause. We remember and love all of them and send them our friendly words. Also we send greetings and thanks to your relatives – your sons and daughter, sister Barbara and her husband Kris and others. Everything was very nice. Greetings from Moscow! Dima and Lena

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MEETING NOTICE June 26, 2003

USPS honors milestone with postmark

The 2003 Atlanta Hamfest has a special post mark that can be applied to any mail that you bring to the Atlanta Hamfest. The USPS will be on hand to take your mail and cancel it with the special event post mark. A quantity of special postal covers will be available for purchase at the W4DOC Club Table with the cancellation already applied. These are envelopes with an image similar to those found on first day covers. If you cannot attend, you have 30 days after the event to get the special post mark from the 30008 post office. See www.atlantahamfest.com for details.



Celebrating 75 Years
**Atlanta Hamfest
Station**
June 7, 2003
Marietta, GA 30008

Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville
"United in Service and Fun for Amateur Radio"
KNOXVILLE HAMFEST
& Electronics Exposition
2003
ARRL TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION
Saturday June 14
9 AM to 4 PM
Electronics Exposition Friday June 13 - 6 PM to 9 PM